

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8 as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/075,613, filed on May 11, 1998, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,596,816 which is entitled Dispersing Agents for Pigments or Extenders Based on Acrylic Acid Alkyl Ester Polymers, which application is incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 19 as follows:

In addition to these amines, one or more amines can also be used from the group comprising c) saturated or unsaturated aliphatic amines comprising 6 - 22 carbon atoms, d) alicyclic amines comprising up to 6 carbon atoms, e) aryl-substituted alkylamines and f) polyoxyalkylene amines $\text{NH}_2 - \text{R}^1 - [\text{O} - \text{R}^2 -]_x \text{O} - \text{R}^3$, wherein R^1 is a divalent alkylene radical comprising 2 - 3 carbon atoms, R^2 is a divalent alkylene radical comprising 2 - 4 carbon atoms and R^3 is an alkyl radical comprising 1 - 4 carbon atoms.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 17, as follows:

Example 2:

1450 g of a poly-n-butyl acrylate with a weight average molecular weight of about 12,000 were mixed with 177 g dimethylaminopropylamine. In addition, 0.5 g p-toluenesulphonic acid were added as a catalyst. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux (about 180°C) under nitrogen. The boiling point fell to about 130°C, due to the ~~ethanol~~ n-butanol evolved during the reaction. After about 15-17 hours the reaction was complete and the n-butanol which was evolved was distilled off. The polymer obtained in this manner had a weight average molecular weight of 12,850 g/mole.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 1 as follows:

These pigment pastes were then added to a two-component, isocyanate-crosslinking acrylate solution (Macrynal SM515 (a hydroxy functional acrylic polymer); 70 % in butyl acetate/~~Desmodur N75~~ DESMODUR N75 (hexamethylene diisocyanate); 75 % xylene/MPA

(1:1)) and to a white lacquer, which was also based on Macrynal SM515/~~Desmodur N75~~
DESMODUR N75. High-gloss lacquer films were obtained.

Please amend the Table beginning at page 14, line 6 as follows:

Two-component clear lacquer

	Spezial- schwarz 4	Bayferrox 130M	Novopermrot F3RK70	Heliogenblau L7101F
Clear Lacquer	12.40	11.50	11.60	10.70
Hardener solution (Desmodur N75 <u>DESMODUR N75</u>)	6.10	5.70	5.80	5.30
Pigment paste	1.50	2.80	2.60	4.00
Total	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00

Please amend the Table beginning at page 14, line 15 as follows:

Two-component white lacquer

	Spezial- schwarz 4	Bayferrox 130M	Novopermrot F3RK70	Heliogenblau L7101F
Clear Lacquer	15.30	14.90	14.70	14.70
Hardener solution (Desmodur N75 <u>DESMODUR N75</u>)	4.40	4.10	4.00	4.00
Pigment paste	0.30	1.00	1.30	1.30
Total	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00